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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AND MIR TERRORISTS: SISTER JOAN MARIE  
(PAULA) ARMSTRONG

1. AFTERNOON NOV 5 MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR CAME TO EMBOFF WITH CARD FROM CATHOLIC BISHOP VALECH. SHE SAID THAT VALECH HAD TOLD HER THAT SISTER PAULA ARMSTRONG, ANOTHER NOTRE DAME NUN INVOLVED, WOULD HAVE TO MOVE FROM HER PRESENT SAFE HAVEN, AND THAT EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST A SAFER PLACE OF REFUGE. EMBOFF QUESTIONED MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR CAREFULLY AS TO DANGER OF SISTER ARMSTRONG'S DISCOVERY, AND SUGGESTED THE SUPERIOR MAKE CONTACT WITH HER IN ORDER TO DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES HERSELF. MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR LATER IN DAY CALLED ON URGENT BASIS, AND EMBOFF ON FURTHER INTERVIEW CONCLUDED THAT CONDITIONS FOR OFFERING TEMPORARY REFUGE EXISTED. SISTER ARMSTRONG WAS THEREFORE PLACED IN PRIVATE HOME OF EMBOFF ENJOYING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH HER CONFIRMED THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN IMMINENT DANGER OF BEING DISCOVERED.

2. HER STATEMENT TO EMBOFFS COMPLEMENTED THOSE OF NOTRE DAME SISTERS NELSON AND LIPSIO IN THAT SISTER ARMSTRONG HAD COOPERATED WITH CHILEAN NATIONAL PRIESTS IN GIVING TEMPORARY  
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REFUGE TO UNKNOWN PERSONS, WHO WERE LATER IDENTIFIED AS

MIRISTAS.

3. SISTER ARMSTRONG ACCEPTED TEMPORARY REFUGE VOLUNTARILY  
AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION.  
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